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Daily recoveries hit new high

➤ 2,555 more cured of Covid-19 but another 935 added to list of active cases

PETALING JAYA: Malaysia recorded the highest number of daily recoveries from Covid-19 infection yesterday, with 2,555 cases documented.

Health Director-General Tan Sri Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, in his statement yesterday, said the figure made the cumulative number of recoveries at 49,056 cases or 80.7% of the total. The country recorded 2,348 recoveries on Wednesday.

The new daily cases recorded yesterday were 935 cases, bringing the total number of positive cases in Malaysia to 60,752.

"Of the new cases, four are imported from abroad, while 931 cases are domestic transmissions. The number of active cases with Covid-19 infectivity is 11,348 cases," Noor Hisham said.

Sabah recorded the highest daily cases at 326, followed by Selangor with 161 cases and Negri Sembilan, which recorded 158 cases.

Three states which did not record any new case yesterday were Pahang, Malacca and Perlis.

To date, 110 positive cases were being treated at the intensive care unit (ICU) with 45 requiring respiratory support.

There were three Covid-19 fatalities yesterday, bringing the cumulative number of deaths from the pandemic in Malaysia to 348.

All the deaths yesterday were from Sabah and involved locals, including a 70-year-old woman who died at the Duchess of Kent Hospital in Sandakan.

Two more deaths involved a 59-year-old man, with a history of high blood pressure and asthma, who died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and a 77-year-old woman, who was also suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure, who died at the Tawau Hospital.

There were six new clusters reported yesterday, while two were declared closed,

bringing the total number of active clusters to 173.

The two clusters ended are the Tugusun cluster in Kota Belud, Sabah and the Seri Gaya cluster involving Kota Kinabalu and Tuaran in Sabah, which takes the number of clusters closed to date to 172.

The six new clusters identified comprised two clusters in Tawau, Sabah, namely Bot Biru cluster and Bot 31 cluster, while there was a cluster each in Johor (Gemilang cluster), Kuala Lumpur (Sungai Udang construction site cluster), Kelantan (Chengal cluster), as well as the Damar Laut cluster in Penang and Kedah.

Meanwhile, 243 individuals were arrested for various violations of the recovery movement control order, including not wearing face masks. A total of 26 of them were remanded while 217 were issued compounds.

"Among the violations include failure to wear face masks (79 individuals), failure to observe physical distancing (48), failure to provide check-in facilities for customers (40) as well as crossing states and district borders without permission (20)," Senior Minister (Security) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said in a statement.